REMARKS

Examiner Thurman Page is thanked for having graciously held an interview with Dr. Tim Creagan and the undersigned on August 1, 2005. Examiner Pili Asabi Hawes is also thanked for her helpful suggestions to advance the prosecution of the present application.

The currently pending claims and the outstanding final office action were discussed at the interview. It was agreed that the cited prior art references, when combined, do not render the currently pending claims obvious and that all currently pending claims are allowable over the cited prior art references. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of various rejections and the issuance of a Notice of Allowance with regard to all pending claims. For your convenience, a copy of the interview summary is enclosed.

CONCLUSION

In view of the remarks and the interview, further and favorable consideration of all pending claims and the issuance of a Notice of Allowance with regard to all pending claims are respectfully requested.

It is believed that no fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of the present Response. However, if any fees are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees to our Deposit Account No. 16-1445.

Respectfully submitted,

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EXAMINER HAWES ART UNIT PAPER NUMBER 1615 DATE MAILED: INTERVIEW SUMMARY All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel): **Date of Interview** Type: Telephonic Televideo Conference M/Personal (copy is given to applicant Mapplicant's representative). Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: Yes No If yes, brief description: Agreement Wwas reached. was not reached. Claim(s) discussed: Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments (A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments, if available, which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments which would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.) KI It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview. Unless the paragraph above has been checked to indicate to the contrary. A FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION IS NOT WAIVED AND MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has are ready been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE

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SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW.

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Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, Section 7,13.04 Substance of Interview must Be Made of Record

Except as otherwise provided, a complete written statement as to the substance of any face-to-face or telephone interview with regard to an application must be made of record in the application, whether or not an agreement with the examiner was reached at the interview.

§1.133 Interviews

(b) in every instance where reconsideration is requested in view of an interview with an examiner, a complete written statement of the reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action must be filed by the applicant. An interview does not remove the necessity for reply to Office action as specified in §\$ 1.111

.1.2. Business to be transacted in writing. All business with the Patent or Trademark Office should be transacted in writing. The personal attendance of applicants or their attorneys or agents at the Patent and Trademark Office is unnecessary. The action of the Patent and Trademark Office will be based exclusively on the written record in the Office. No attention will be paid to any alleged oral promise, stipulation, or understanding in relation to which there is disagreement or

The action of the Patent and Trademark Office cannot be based exclusively on the written record in the Office if that record is itself incomplete through the failure ecord the substance of interviews. to record the substance of interviews.

it is the responsibility of the applicant or the attorney or agent to make the substance of an interview of record in the application file, unless the examiner indicates he or she will do so. It is the examiner's responsibility to see that such a record is made and to correct material inaccuracies which bear directly on the question of

Examiners must complete a two-sheet carbon interleaf Interview Summary Form for each interview held after January 1, 1978 where a matter of substance has been discussed during the interview by checking the appropriate boxes and filling in the blanks in neat handwritten form using a ball point pen. Discussions regarding only procedural matters, directed solely to restriction requirements for which interview recordation is otherwise provided for in Section 812.01 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, pointing out typographical errors or unreadable script in Office actions or the like, or resulting in an examiner's amendment that fully sets forth the agreement are excluded from the interview recordation procedures below. H_{ij}

The Interview Summary Form shall be given an appropriate paper number, placed in the right hand portion of the file, and listed on the "Contents" list on the file wrapper. In a personal interview, the duplicate copy of the Form is removed and given to the applicant (or attorney or agent) at the conclusion of the interview. In the case of a telephonic interview, the copy is mailed to the applicant's correspondence address either with or prior to the next official communication.

- Application Number of the application
- -Name of applicant
- -Name of examiner
- Date of interview
- Type of interview (personal or telephonic)
- Name of participant(s)) (applicant, attorney or agent, etc.)
 An indication whether or not an exhibit was shown or a demonstration conducted.
- An identification of the claims discussed
- An identification of the specific prior art discussed
- An indication whether an agreement was reached and if so, a description of the general nature of the agreement (may be by attachment of a copy of amendments or claims agreed as being allowable). (Agreements as to allowability are tentative and do not restrict further action by the examiner to the
- The signature of the examiner who conducted the interview
- Names of other Patent and Trademark Office personnel present.

The Form also contains a statement reminding the applicant of his responsibility to record the substance of the interview.

It is desireable that the examiner orally remind the applicant of his obligation to record the substance of the interview in each case unless both applicant and examiner agree that the examiner orany remno the applicant or his obligation to record the substance of the interview in each case unless born applicant and examiner agree that the examiner will record same. Where the examiner agrees to record the substance of the interview, or when it is adequately recorded on the Form or in an attachment to the Form, the examiner should check a box at the bottom of the Form informing the applicant that he need not supplement the Form by

It should be noted, however, that the Interview Summary Form witl not normally be considered a complete and proper recordation of the Interview unless it includes or is supplemented by the applicant or the examiner to include; all of the applicable items required below concerning the substance of the interview:

- . A complete and proper recordation of the substance of any interview should include at least the following applicable items:
- 1) A brief description of the nature of any exhibit shown or any demonstration conducted,
- an identification of the claims discussed.
 an identification of specific prior art discussed.
- 4) an identification of the principal proposed amendments of a substantive nature discussed, unless these are already described on the Interview Summary
- 4) an identification of the principal proposed americanisms of a solution of the examiner. The identification of arguments need not be langthy or elaborate. A verbatim or highly detailed description of the arguments is not required. The identification of the arguments is sufficient if the general nature of the arguments are not be understood in the context of the application file. Of course, the applicant may desire to emphasize and fully describe those arguments which he feels were or might be persuasive to the examiner, 8) a general indication of any other pertinent matters discussed, and
- 7) if appropriate, the general results or outcome of the interview unless already described in the interview Summary Form completed by the examiner.

Examiners are expected to carefully review the applicant's record of the substance of an interview. If the record is not complete or accurate, the examiner will give the applicant one month from the date of the notifying letter to complete the reply and thereby avoid abandonment of the application (37 CFR 1.135(c)).

Examiner to Check for Accuracy

Applicant's summary of what took place at the interview should be carefully checked to determine the accuracy of any argument or statement attributed to the examiner during the interview. If there is an inaccuracy and it bears directly on the question of patentability, it should be pointed out in the next Office letter. If the claims are allowable for other reasons of record, the examiner should send a letter setting forth his or her version of the statement attributed to him. If the record is complete and accurate, the examiner should place the indication "interview record OK" on the paper recording the substance of the interview along with the date and